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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE AND BICENTENNIAL GIFT FROM KING OLAV V

1. FYI: NORWAY'S BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO THE UNITED STATES WAS PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT FORD ON JULY 2 IN A ROSE GARDEN CEREMONY BY CROWN PRINCE HARALD. KING OLAV'S JULY 4 MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE:

BEGIN TEXT:
I EXTEND TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS 4 JULY MARKING THE TWO HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND I SEND MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE WELL-BEING AND PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN NATION.

END TEXT.
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2. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE KING:

BEGIN TEXT: YOUR MAJESTY: ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOUR MAJESTY AND THE PEOPLE OF NORWAY FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT IN COMMEMORATION

OF OUR BICENTENNIAL. WE WERE ESPECIALLY HONORED AND PLEASED BY THE PERSONAL PARTICIPATION OF CROWN PRINCE HARALD AND CROWN PRINCESS SONJA IN THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND OTHER BICENTENNIAL EVENTS.

THE NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPORTS CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED IN MINNESOTA, A STATE THAT REPRESENTS GRAPHIC-ALLY NORWAY'S PAST ROLE IN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT, WILL SERVE AS A LIVING REMINDER TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE DEEP AND WARM RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS FOR SO LONG. THE SPORTS CENTER ITSELF WILL BE A SYMBOL OF THE KEEN INTEREST NORWEGIANS HAVE ALWAYS EXHIBITED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE OVERCOMING OF OBSTACLES TO INDIVIDUAL GROWTH.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ALSO TO THANK YOUR MAJESTY FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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